

OUR BEST FRIENDS.

"Let me set down for the readers of the Quarterly," says the Rev. M. M. Sheedy, "two quotations, the one from the ancients, the other from the moderns—both lovers of books. Petrarch and the authors of 'My New Curate' are widely separated in point of time and culture, but they are close together, kindred spirits, in their appreciation of the value and friendship of books. Happy is the life into which enters an early period the love of books. Happy is the home where there is a love for reading. Blessed is the teacher who develops a sound literary taste in the scholar. But to the quotations: "I have friends," said Petrarch, "whose society is extremely agreeable to me. They are of all ages and every country. It is easy to gain access to them, for they are always at my service. I can admit them to my company and dismiss them whenever I please. They are never troublesome, but immediately answer every question I ask them. Some relate to me events of past ages, while others reveal to me the secrets of nature. Some teach me how to live, and others how to die. Some drive away my cares, while others give fortitude to my mind, and teach me the important lesson how to restrain my desires and to depend wholly on myself. They open to me, in short, the various avenues of all the arts and sciences. In return for their great service they only ask me to accommodate them with a convenient chamber in some corner of my habitation, where they may repose in peace, for these friends are more delighted by the tranquillity of retirement than with the tumults of society."

"Dear silent friends," writes Father Sheehan in "My New Curate," page 30, "for forty years you have been my companions in solitude. In you I owe whatever inspiration I have felt, from you have come in copious streams the ideas that raised my poor life above the commonplace, and the sentiments that have animated every good thing and every holy purpose that I have accomplished. "Friends that never obtruded on my loneliness by idle chatter and gossip, but always spoke wise, inspiring things when I most needed them; friends that never replied in irritation to my disturbed imaginings, but always uttered your calm wisdom like voices from eternity to soothe, to control, to elevate, friends that never tired of my never-complained, that went back to your recesses by stubborn silence my neglect—treasures of thought and fountains of love, you are the last things on earth on which my eyes shall rest in love. "True, like your authors, you look sometimes disreputable enough. Your clothes, more to my shame, hang loose and tattered around you, and some of your faces are ink-stained or thumb-worn from contact with the years and my own carelessness. I would dress you in purple and fine linen if I may, yet you would reproach and think I was weary of your homely faces. Like the beggar maid, you would entreat to be allowed to go back from queenly glory and pomps to the tatters and contentment of gone years. So shall it be! But between you and me there must be no divorce, so long as time shall last for me. Other friends will come and go, but nothing shall dissolve our union based upon gratitude and such love as man's heart may have for the ideal and insensible."

AN INDICTMENT OF CATHOLICS.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND SAYS THEY DO NOT LEAD BECAUSE THEY NEGLECT HIGHER EDUCATION. Are Catholics in the United States eminent in power and influence, leaders in good and great causes, proportionately to their numbers? For my part, I answer deliberately in the negative. "I give scant attention to the reply that opportunities are wrested from Catholics because of their religion."

The above striking sentences from Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul, form the gist of a rebuke to Catholic indifference in education, uttered in the course of an address at the commencement exercises of St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Ia.

"Catholic parents should have this ambition—to endow their sons with a liberal education, else, they will remain in the rear ranks of social advancement," said the Prelate.

"I am aware of the objection, that there are men of slight schooling who have grasped fortune, have led their fellows in many a battle of industry and upon statesmanship. Look closely into facts, such men, wherever found, were exceptions. They were men who were gifted with peculiar natural talent, who met with specially favorable opportunities, who, in later life, made amends by unusual mental efforts for the deficiencies of early education.

"I am aware of this other objection—that college training rather uplifts men from the work they are likely to be called upon to follow, unfits them for the toil and strife of the humbler walks of life across which the very many must tread, forms them into theorists, useless for the practical, which is ever a condition of success. Let the few, it is said, enter if they wish the halls of colleges, or of universities; the many should shun their portals.

"To this latter objection I answer, the education I propose—an education of mind and of will, a well-rounded, purposeful education—produces no such results, gives room to no such fears.

"I put this question to my hearers—Are Catholics in the United States eminent in power and influence, leaders in good and great causes, proportionately to their numbers? For my part, I answer deliberately in the negative. Call the

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roll of writers, of leaders of industry and finance, of chieftains in legislative halls, in executive chairs, of leaders of men in one capacity or another, and of contention is a proverb. And why this? Because a liberal education is not sufficiently frequent in the make up of our people. Knowledge gives power, and gives ambition to seek it and to use it well; and knowledge has too often been wanting to Catholics in America.

"I give scant attention to the reply that opportunities are wrested from Catholics because of their religion. America is the land of opportunities and she unfolds her opportunities equitably to all her citizens. There was a time when religious prejudices darkened, now and then, the sky over the heads of Catholics; but that time has gone by, and if a few scattered clouds still remain, the way to dissolve them is to take no notice of them, to move onward and upward, brightening every obscure spot by our own light, overcoming every barrier by our own swift motion.

"I thank America; I thank the public opinion of America for its fair-mindedness, its generosity of spirit, its offer of its treasures to all who are worthy of holding them in the hand. Give me today the right man, the right citizen and whatever his religious creed, I will guarantee that nothing comes in his way to influence and preferment; give me, however, the wrong man, the wrong citizen, and whatever his religious creed, be that my own, I will demand that power and preferment be always taken from his grasp.

"It is, of course, well understood that no education, high or low, is worthy of the name, or meets the requirements called for in the personal growth of the student, or in the purposes of life, which intellectual training is not deeply and thoroughly permeated with religion.

"The peril of America to-day, beyond all doubt, is the school, the university, from which the spiritual is driven out to make place for the material, in which God is ignored that the mere man be all in all. Speaking as I am to Catholics, I proclaim aloud to the need of Catholic schools and of Catholic colleges.

"And shall I here lay down the law of duty to Catholics, whom the Lord has more or less enriched with earthly possessions? Then let me say to them that the greatest good they can do with money, the most precious tribute they can pay to religion and to patriotism is to aid in building up and endowing the Catholic college or Catholic university, so that fullest opportunity be given to the sons of their co-religionists to win to themselves highest academic place while at the same time growing stronger in their faith and readier to be its champions and defenders."

FUND FOR INFIRM PRIESTS.

ARCHBISHOP MCEVAY DISCUSSES IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WITH HIS CLERGY. Toronto, July 24.—During the recent retreat of the Roman Catholic priests in St. Michael's College, His Grace Archbishop McEvay discussed a number of important matters with them. One of the chief subjects was to establish a fund to maintain infirm priests.

His Grace Archbishop McEvay explained the purpose of the meeting, and invited the priests to discuss ways and means whereby the necessary funds could be procured. A committee consisting of Fathers Hand, Canning, Moyné and Dean Morris, were appointed to levy an equitable tax on the different parishes, and report to the priests at a future date.

He suggested that they forward the old records and official records of the various parishes to Dr. Kidd, who would place them in the Diocesan vaults for safe keeping and future reference. He took occasion of the Irishman fire to caution them as to the care to be exercised in matters pertaining to the insurance of the church property and advised them to choose reliable companies in preference to those which are not yet established on a solid financial basis.

He laid down the general principle that non-Catholics desiring to contract marriage with Catholics should undergo a course of instruction to the end that they might at least know and understand what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. He concluded by reminding the priests of the high dignity of the priesthood, and of the consequent duties imposed upon them in looking after the welfare of the church. "We must be men of work and men of prayer," said His Grace, "and we must never forget that our own sanctification is the first and most essential condition for the sanctification of the flocks committed to our care."

Priests desiring to become members of the Eucharistic League were requested to hand in their names. Father O'Leary, of Collingwood, and the general purposes of this society were warmly commended.

THE ST. COLUMBAN FIRE.

We referred last week to the destruction of the beautiful church at St. Columban, Ont. After the paper was printed other particulars came to hand. This fine structure was one of the largest in the diocese, being 150 feet in length and 70 feet in width. Since Rev. A. J. McKeon took charge of the parish he has paid off a mortgage of \$4,000, and he collected \$7,000 for the work of rebuilding, remodeling, decorating and beautifying the church, presbytery and grounds. As a financier Father McKeon has a remarkable record. In seven other places, La Salette, St. Thomas, Bothwell, Thamesville, Adelaide, Watford and Strathroy he had the satisfaction of discharging mortgages on church property. It has been stated that a lightning bolt struck the church. This is not correct. The lightning struck the C. M. B. A. hall adjoining the vestry. The reverend pastor succeeded in transferring the Blessed Sacrament from the burning building. Fortunately through the splendid work of Father McKeon, Father Ford of Ingersoll, Father Eckert of Minneapolis and a large number of parishioners, the presbytery and school were saved. All the vestments

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The First Mass.

The following poem is reprinted from an old issue of the University of Toronto, the mother of one of the young priests ordained during the present week:

"The joy has come, alanna, That I watched for through the years; And my heart is full of tears. The joy has come, alanna, And I am far away— The mother with her boy Upon his first Mass day.

"Sweet day of all my longings! Sure, why should I complain? I'd rather have my son a priest, A thousand years of pain, But, oh, to see you with the cup, Dear Lord, this would be heaven To a poor mother's sight.

"To watch you at the altar, And hear you read the book; And when you turn around to pray, Observe your holy look, And, oh, my child, to bow with you At that most sacred hour, When our dear Christ is present Unto your words of power!

"Some say I would not know you now, You are so changed, alanna, And I would know you darling, In an angel's wing you wore, Little they feel when face to face, That twenty years of waiting Can live in one embrace.

"Now do not feel alone to-day, Ma boy, and not much more, For Christ is more than mother And son to you and me, Sure, if I thought of you a tear, I'd shed it for the sea I roam, With a little shamrock and a sod, To make you feel at home.

"'Tis true, alanna, I'm with you, And I would look into your eyes, My eyes would look into your eyes, My heart beat to your heart, And when you next are in my arms, Your kiss is on my cheek, I feel the blessing of your hand, I hear you laugh and speak.

"Oh, darling, were I nearer, I'd think my heart would break; Such blessedness steals o'er me now And rapture for your sake, Enough to make me give my name When Christ is in your hand— Oh, don't forget your father's grave And pray for him and me.

"The morn is come, alanna, And I'm dressing when you kneel, The little shrine of Mary, Used to smile on me and you, I've put in the thumb-screw For the Mass that might have been, But my eyes, alas! can't find their rest, My joy is all within.

"I'll make my heart your altar, And my great a host of prayer, And Jesus, at your holy word, I'll be obedient to the last, And I'll pray with you till noon, And every eve I'll dream of you, My own Soggarth aroon."

In Hospital.

In the long night-time, when the ward was chill And dear with sleeping faces, thin and white, One lay and longed for his own bed and still.

And he waited for the light, And he waited for the light, And he waited for the light, And he waited for the light.

And as he lay and waited for the morn, And peered about the dim familiar room, The floor into the glimmering pattern of the morn.

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SMITH.—At Hamilton, on Wednesday, July 12th (deceased 13 years), aged sixty-six years. May rest in peace.

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A REVIEW OF ORANGEMEN.

Another "glorious twelfth" is over, and the Toronto newspapers have told the country that the Orangemen persecuted the Catholics in Armagh, and that they were all day ready to nip in the bud the first disorderly outbreak. The papers speak of the "champions of Protestantism," the donors of an "open Bible" to the poor Canadians in the Queen's County, and the "irrepressible" quarrel between the Orangemen and the Catholics. The Orangemen form is the glorious, pious, and immortal memory of the great and good King William, who saved us from popery; they were the champions of Protestantism, and they were the donors of an "open Bible" to the poor Canadians in the Queen's County, and the "irrepressible" quarrel between the Orangemen and the Catholics. The Orangemen form is the glorious, pious, and immortal memory of the great and good King William, who saved us from popery; they were the champions of Protestantism, and they were the donors of an "open Bible" to the poor Canadians in the Queen's County, and the "irrepressible" quarrel between the Orangemen and the Catholics.

Death of Father Wey.

We deeply regret to chronicle the demise of a most estimable priest of the diocese of Hamilton, Rev. Father Wey, who took place at Midway, Ont., on Sunday, July 21. The funeral took place at St. Agatha, Waterloo county, on Tuesday, 23rd. Father Wey was born of German parents in the county of Waterloo in 1826. His course of studies were made at St. Jerome's College, Berlin, and the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and he was ordained in Hamilton in 1852. During the twenty-eight years of his priestly life he labored unceasingly and with truly apostolic zeal in Formosa, Midway and Deerpark. The cause of his death was cancer of the stomach. Father Wey was most highly respected by his Bishop and fellow priests as well as by the laity of the diocese, and the good work he has done will long remain a pleasant memory in the hearts of the faithful. May his soul rest in peace!

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